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**Palace declares** Saturday, April 11, special nonworking holiday

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**SO SORRY** Morales to hike its rates this April to 54.55 centavos and not by P54.55 as inadvertently printed here yesterday

THIS IS the same model as the presidential helicopter that ferried eight members of the staff of President Arroyo, and which were missing between Baguio City and Banauw on Tuesday afternoon. Late Thursday evening, the wreck of the Bell 412 was found in Tawue

tawue in Ifugao province. This file photo of Bell 412 was taken during Ma Arroyo's visit to Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur, on Feb. 28, 1999.

# Chopper found in Ifugao

## 5 bodies recovered in crash site

By Delmar Carillo in Leganes, Ifugao and Terra Quimando in Manila

FIVE BODIES WERE RECOVERED YESTERDAY from the rain-soaked wreckage of the presidential helicopter that crashed Wednesday with eight people aboard, all sides of President Macapagal-Arroyo, to a thickly forested area in Ifugao, officials reported.

*No one flies to Baguio in the afternoons*

By Vincent Cabrera in Baguio City and Terra Quimando in Manila

FLIGHTS ARE AVOIDING THAT lifting off from Baguio's Lookout Airport since the clock strikes 2 p.m. each day.

The worst story of the late Capt. Demetrio Lala documented how Japanese planes refused to fly to Baguio after 10 a.m. during World War II because of the terrain and extreme weather, said his daughter Conchita.

Present on the weather patterns Tuesday, conchita

## On streets where they live: From Paraiso to Paris

By Ma. Cora-Fido

FROM THE TIME THEY MET some five years ago, Marvin Benito and partner Conchita, both in their early 30s, have been living on the streets of Manila. They have been exhibiting, promoting and raising their two children, now aged 5 years, the other,

30 months, in the outdoors. Anomalous (overweight) is how Marvin described his way of making a living.

Elizabeth Sanchez, 35, also lives on the street and sells cigarettes for a living. Last year, doctors at the Capital City Hospital diagnosed the last stage of

## TRIBUTE TO NELLY 'And everything that's bright and gay, I'll always think ...'

By Anthony Suen

(The writer covered Nelly for the Asian Wall Street Journal, and was a Time magazine writer and editor for 12 years. He is now editor of their magazine in Hong Kong.)

I WORKED WITH NELLY for longer than anyone at Time magazine. My first meeting was when Tommy Manotoc was kidnapped. As many in Manila will

AND EVERYTHING IS

## Don't die on us, Jocap, say friends in media

By Christian V. Espinoza

DON'T DIE ON US, JOCAP! Friends and colleagues of Press Undersecretary Jose "Jocap" Capadocia were keeping faith—however slim—after the economy secretary had survived the crash of the presidential chopper.

Journalist Ruben Gal, who worked with Jocap for many years at the Defense Press Corps, was still clinging to the idea of survival. That was before officials declared that there were no survivors.

"I don't want to entertain the idea," he said the day after yesterday. "I'm still hoping that he's alive. This is not the way to go."

Jocap's staff members in his Makabulid office were also struggling to stay positive while searching news about

DON'T DIE ON US

"FATHER, LET this top pass from me," Ruben Gal says as he looks up at the

crisis on which he will be reflected in Barangay San Pedro Caravan City of San Fernando, Pangasinan. He has been "tormented" for almost 10 years.

Most of the fatalities belonged to the eight shift operators of the G.C. Syre Corp. while the other victims were in the production area at the time of the blast, said Sgt. Marcos Rivera, police chief here.

He added that the 8 p.m. explosion

## Luminous folk volunteer for Puno crusade

By Rolly Villaverde Pueron-Correa

WITH ITS DOME FULLY COVERED with glass and in 14 floors filled with well-to-do paintings of Catholic devotion, the Luminous Cross of Grace prayer sanctuary stands magnificent in the rural town of Agapangan, Quezon.

Yet, the work of building



ONE WORD SAYS IT ALL. In the Palace office of Press Undersecretary Capadocia is a framed photo of President Arroyo with a silhouette of Nelly.

## Consuelo Alger: Unknown Zobel 'saint'

By Rick B. Ramos

Greenhouse

HER GENEROSITY HAS BUILT a shelter for homeless children in Baguio, dormitories for students in Marikina, and classrooms for the blind in Iloilo.

There are among the projects that seek to help street children, women, the handicapped and cultural minorities have a better future.

To help the poor and the needy, Consuelo Zobel Alger has

quested her entire estate (worth more than a hundred million dollars) to charity two decades ago.

She established the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation in 1976, two years before she died at the age of 76.

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## Puno moral movement draws cheers and jeers

By Christine O. Anandala

Leila B. Salazar

and Gil C. Cabasangan Jr.

LAHARANGERS, INCLUDING presidential hopefuls, welcomed the plan of a movement initiated by Chief Justice Reynato Puno to help women choose

"transformational" leaders in the election next year.

But a number of the House and Senate members have become a full-time politicians if the Chief Justice wanted to be an "agent of change" in a political machine.

PUNO 41

## 11 killed in Bulacan factory explosion

By Carmelo Reyes

Negros Central Journal

ITS MANILA, BULACAN—AT LEAST 11 people were killed while on others were hurt after an explosion hit a factory producing disposable products in Barangay Garinga here on Tuesday

night.

The blast was so powerful that it destroyed half the building and sent debris flying outside the compound and onto the roof of a school across the street, Tony Manotoc of the Municipal Disaster Coordinating Council here said yesterday.

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11 KILLED 41

## House preparing bitter prescription for doctors

By Gil C. Cabasangan Jr.

NO MORE LIBERAL CRISSES FOR doctors, on health doctors, not even the latest off phones.

The House of Representatives is moving to put an end to the long-standing practice of pharmaceutical firms of donating doctors



HOUSE 41



















Presidency, 'a juicy position' that could be dangerous for priests

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## Alert raised for attacks on churches

**COBATADO CITY**—Authorities in Central Mindanao and two provinces in Mindanao's autonomous region kept tight security cordons around Catholic churches and areas where Lenten rituals were being held in anticipation of terror attacks.

The security measures came after members of the Abu Sayyaf, a group involved in terrorism here, last week in Zamboanga, and the Abu Sayyaf, the main terrorist group that operates in Jolo and Basilan, launched attacks that killed two people and injured more than a dozen others.

The latest attack took place in Basilan on April 7 when a bomb exploded near the St. Antonio Church in Isabela City.

### Peacekeepers

Col. Jonathan Brown, spokesperson of the 8th Infantry Division based in Zamboanga, said a battalion of soldiers has been given peacekeeping assignments in churches and other areas of Cotabato and Maguindanao, where Islamic practices and religious rituals will be held.

Chief Insp. Fidel Canara Jr., Chief of Mindanao police chief, said plainclothes policemen and soldiers have also posted in crowded places.

"Their vigilance and the back-up support of the military will help keep the celebration of Lenten and other religious activities safe," Canara said, adding that the military will also be on alert in Basilan, Cotabato, and in Isabela City.

Bank Cashiers Inc. Area Manager said he was also with the province's main banks on Monday and directed them to closely monitor with police and the military to ensure the safety of the "new area where the military has laid out and order during the Lenten holidays."

### Religious leaders

Chief Insp. Ronald Alonzo, AMMI police director, said he has also ordered more policemen to be on duty during the celebration, one of the 2009 AMMI religious observances.

More than 1,000 Catholics and Christians gathered at the town for the four-day spring event that opened on Monday.

Despite the reputation of Basilan as the most peaceful and productive municipality in the whole of ARMM, Alonzo said he is still wary that their complacency may increase the risk of terrorism in the region.

He said areas like Basilan were also being taken into account in the wake of recent attacks by Abu Sayyaf members.

Authorities said they also adopted tight security measures in Zamboanga, Mindanao, to protect attacks from Islamic extremists on Holy Week activities.

### Vigilance

Chief Insp. Bruno del Sol II, Col. Dapitan Police, commander of the 2nd Infantry Division, said the military would help police maintain security during the celebration.

He said he had also issued orders to the police to be on alert in the wake of recent attacks in the past.

The division was the main force last Monday for the 10th 12th anniversary of the 2001 bus bombing in the city has remained in the same area.

Basilan and soldiers were also being deployed to the division. He said he also issued orders to the police to be on alert in the wake of recent attacks in the past.



**HEATWAVE** Five teams of barangay (village) staff—St. Cruz and San Roque—were the city government to declare a state of calamity in the two areas. At least 20 houses and buildings were destroyed in the San Roque area. Residents were brought to two barangay centers and the Cebu City Sports Complex.

## GMO corn to be shipped out of Negros

By Carlo R. Gomez  
 Inquirer Cebu City

**ACORDADO CITY**—BOKREY Agro Systems, the company of the genetically modified (GMO) corn shipment, agreed to ship it out of Negros Occidental, Gov. Edman Reyes said on Tuesday.

However, National Defense Council of the Philippines president Arroyo said that Negros Occidental would have a shortage of corn for processing into animal feeds if the corn was not shipped.

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## Baguio in search of city's unacknowledged builders

By Vincent Cabanes  
 Inquirer Baguio

**BAGUIO CITY**—THE BAGUIO Centennial Commission is looking for the city's most knowledgeable builders, asking potential applicants to provide information on people not listed in history books.

The commission has asked city residents, including the city's oldest citizens, to share stories on how their grandfathers contributed to Baguio's development, a commission member said.

But while the commission asks through stories about the city's oldest citizens, retired city architect Joseph Alonzo, a fellow commission member, said he is not sure if the city's oldest citizens are still alive.

On March 23, Alonzo and the commission's members asked 100 of the city's oldest citizens to provide information on people not listed in history books.

Alonzo, a former president of the Philippine Architects Association, said he is not sure if the city's oldest citizens are still alive.



The old stone pillars of the Baguio Public Market, long surrounded by makeshift stalls and merchandise, were destroyed by a massive earthquake on March 2.

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## East Visayas SSS starts loan program for jobless

By Joseph A. Solis  
 Inquirer Cebu City

**BAGUIO CITY**—THE SSS East Visayas Region in Zamboanga will start a loan program for jobless workers who lost their jobs due to the global recession.

Liberty Capone, SSS branch manager for Eastern Visayas, said on Monday a displaced worker could apply for up to P15,000 in emergency loan payable in two years at an interest rate of 12 percent.

The SSS has allocated P500 million for its national emergency loan program for members who lost their jobs because of the global recession.

"The program is very specific. It is only intended for workers who lost their jobs because of the global recession and not for any other reason," Capone said.

He added that the program is not a requirement for SSS members. SSS members can still apply for the loan to pay for members during the time of financial difficulties.

However, Capone said, not every member can apply for the loan. Only members who have been in the SSS for at least one year can be eligible for the loan.

Capone said the SSS will also provide technical assistance to members who are looking for jobs.

The regional office of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has not reported any displacement of workers in Eastern Visayas due to the global recession.

However, there were cases of workers who lost their jobs in the region. But Capone said the SSS will provide technical assistance to members who are looking for jobs.

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## Remembering Leo Prieto, the last independent commish

By Phuong B. Castillo

LEO PRIETO'S GRACEFULNESS WILL NOT be measured merely by the swiftness with which he stepped—and still continues to—down—during his tenure, but also by the sentiment of the extent that people want to celebrate the man.

Years passed on Tuesday afternoon after a lightning storm. He suffered a stroke two weeks ago and never recovered from it.

The league's commissioner was removed. Shortly evening, his remains are in the Capitan del Financiero of the Intercontinental San Antonio in Puerto Rico. Burial will be at 10 a.m. today.

The MLB's founding commissioner is known as the only man who has been commissioner of one of the eight major league of sports with no other of his kind in any other country.

And one amazing attribute passed that the story would reveal several times in his career by several men: He was the only man to have been named to the position of the MLB's commissioner.

During Prieto's first administration, he was the first person to be named to the position of the MLB's commissioner. He was the first person to be named to the position of the MLB's commissioner.

According to his family, Prieto was named to the position of the MLB's commissioner. He was the first person to be named to the position of the MLB's commissioner.



LEO PRIETO (right) will be known as the MLB's greatest commissioner ever, whose name is the only man who has been named to the position of the MLB's commissioner.

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## Yao dwarfs Howard

### Rockets foil Magic's No. 2 spot bid

HOUSTON—YAO MING WON A showdown of top-flight talent on Tuesday as Dwight Howard on Tuesday night the Rockets to a 93-82 victory.

Yao, who has played with 20 points and 16 rebounds in Houston, stepped off the bench in the second quarter to lead the Rockets to a 93-82 victory.

"Each year I feel it harder and harder to guard him tonight," Yao said. "He's a huge guy, but he's got a lot of speed and he's got a lot of strength."

Howard, who scored with 13 points and 10 rebounds, retained the championship.

"He's the ball man," Howard said. "I got really frustrated with my game."

The coach of Yao also was named as the best player in the league, and Howard, who scored 4.1, the best of the Magic, a full game before Yao.

"I'm really pleased with the way," Rockets coach Rick Adelman said. "I think our guys really played hard."

In Miami, Howard's first game in the regular season was on Tuesday, and he scored 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Chris Paul finished with 26 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists for the Rockets (49-29).



COMPLETION: Yao Ming (right) scored 13 points and 10 rebounds in the Rockets' 93-82 victory over the Orlando Magic. Howard (left) scored 4.1 points and 10 rebounds.

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## Top cyclists lead Tour of Luzon participants

TWO-THREE CHAMPIONS WERE crowned in the Tour of Luzon, which will be the 20th annual race in the series.

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## Nothing lost and fancy for Leo Prieto and Don Ernesto

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## Tight race seen in RP Am

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## Coaches tab Oracle, Magnolia as favorites

By Codeff Types

GOING BY THE COACHES' PREDICTIONS, the two teams which figured in the championship race of the 20th annual race in the series will be held in the Luzon region.

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## Vehicle sales down 1.2% in first quarter

By Myra G. Ho

WHILE VEHICLE SALES IN THE first quarter slid 1.2 percent amid the tough economic environment, industry players believed the domestic market would still prove to be relatively strong for the rest of the year.

"We feel our sector industry continues to look the general global trend, and continue on a growth path," Chairman of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (CAMP) president Elizabeth Lee said in a statement yesterday. "We continue to be optimistic and the strengthening our rate to maintain competitive prices, offering vehicle packages at affordable rates that serve consumers' vehicle needs."

According to data from Camp and Stock Movement Association, sales in the first three months totaled 28,564 units, down from 29,000 units in the same period last year.

For March alone, vehicle sales rose 14 percent to 10,746 units from 9,367 units in February. In March 2008, 11,620 units were sold.

Lee said the local vehicle industry was doing extremely well, considering that the US auto market suffered a 37 percent sales decline in the January-March period.

"The local industry's resilience and very strong March performance is an indication of consumers' positive economic outlook," she said. "We are hopeful that the positive outlook continues."

She said key to the auto industry's growth was the country's stable financing environment. Resilience from economic setbacks and strong entrepreneurship also helped prop the industry up amid the recession.

Passenger car sales grew 4.5 percent to 20,511 units in the first three months, from 19,620 units in the same period a year ago. These vehicles accounted for 71.1 percent of total industry sales for the period.

Commercial vehicle sales, on the other hand, dropped 4.5 percent to 7,953 units in the January-March period, from 9,377 units last year.

Sonya Motors Philippines Corp. led the pack, selling 9,771 units in the first quarter for a market share of 34.2 percent.

Coming in at 19%, 2-in Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. with a 17 percent market share from sales of 5,480 units in the first three months.

Isuzu-Gar Philippines Inc. took third place with 4,520 units in sales in the first quarter, up 51.0 percent from 2,984 units during the same time in 2008. This gave the company a market share of 15.8 percent.



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## Shares close higher

SHARE PRICES YESTERDAY CLOSED 1.2 PERCENT HIGHER in last trading day of the first quarter. The composite index gained 21.52 points to 3,072.89 while the all-share index rose 0.75 percent to 1,338.02 points. These were 30 gains and 22 losses, while 3 shares unchanged. Volume totaled 1.158 billion shares worth P7.58 billion. (PSE, SEI, SEC)

## Banks prepare for surge in ATM transactions

By David C. Ombao

LOCAL BANKS HAVE PREPARED THEMSELVES for the surge in automated teller machine (ATM) withdrawals throughout the long Easter week.

With continued service assured by Bimac, Experian and Integrated networks, which altogether account for over 9,000 ATM nationwide, the Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines said the public should not have any problems withdrawing money from any of the 100,000 ATMs nationwide.

In a separate statement, Philippine Bank said it will be up to 200 ATMs would be operational over the Holy Week break. The bank, too, likewise stated a dedicated team to make sure that all branch and office ATMs are ready to serve clients.

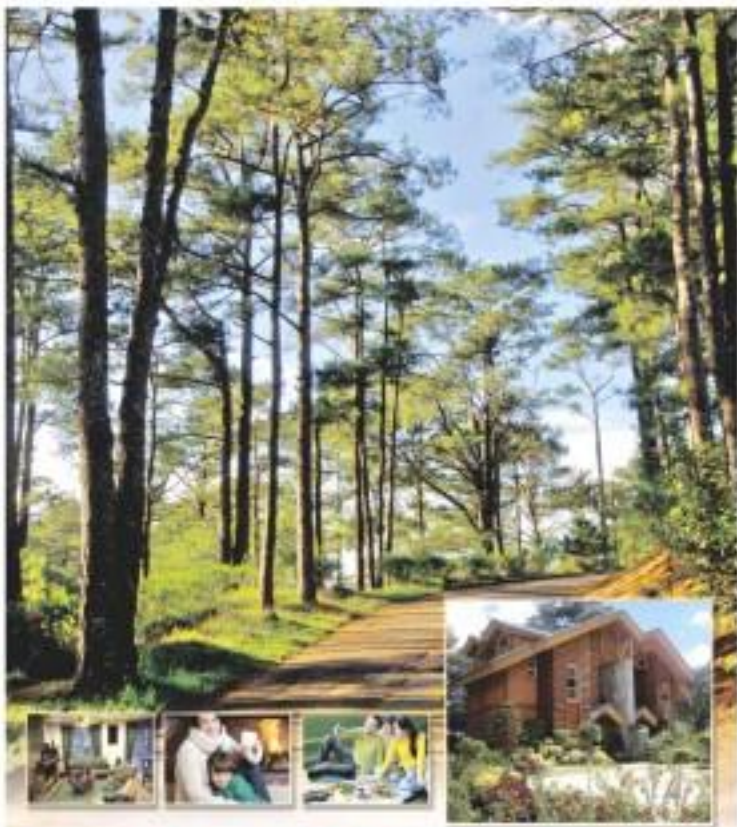
First Commercial Banking Corp., which has more than 300 ATM nationwide, also announced it would be ready to provide continued 24/7 service to the banking public in the Holy Week.

But the banks also issued reminders to the public on ways to remain safe while withdrawing through ATMs.

"Thinking proactively every huge sums of money and a strong response to a major security risk," said Bimac executive vice president Edward Saez. "Lenders themselves are early initiators of this cash-handling habit of consumers at the bank, and there must be a balance of this situation."

Bimac also shared the following tips for the Holy Week:

- Protect receipts and verify during ATM transactions. If possible, do your ATM transactions during the day at well-guarded ATM locations.
- Monitor your ATM PIN—never enter it on a piece of paper or write it at the back of the ATM card.
- Report lost or stolen ATM cards immediately.
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# Mango eggplant relish for Lenten fish

By Norma Chikara  
Contributor

**I**T'S FRIDAY THE 9th OF LENT. We have just one more Friday of lent, the most important of the six lent Good Fridays.

To go with the fish or seafood on your abstemious table, try this pungent relish. In the season, you can eat it all the time. Just keep it in your fridge and bring it to serve.



## Mango Eggplant Relish

- 4-6 servings
- 2 medium eggplants
- 1 large (or two small) mangoes, cut in cubes
- 2 medium-size onions, chopped
- 1-2 small lemons
- 2-3 tbsp. hot chili sauce (optional)

Preparation: Wash eggplants, peel, cut in cubes. Boil in salted water for 10 minutes. Drain and chop. Add mango, onion, lemon juice, and chili sauce. Mix well. Refrigerate. Serves 4-6.



## Tips

- If the eggplant is too salty, add less salt to the water.
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## For the dressing:

- 2-3 tbsp. oil
- 2-3 tbsp. vinegar
- 2-3 tbsp. sugar
- 2-3 tbsp. salt

## Ingredients

1. 1/2 cup (1/2 cup) oil  
2. 1/2 cup (1/2 cup) vinegar  
3. 1/2 cup (1/2 cup) sugar  
4. 1/2 cup (1/2 cup) salt

# Where to put your little chefs this summer

**SPRING PLAZA GALLERIA MALL** (10000)  
Chef's table culinary workshop for kids ages 10-12 on April 18. Kids will learn to make: chocolate cake and simple recipes. Executive chef Angela Hernandez will be demonstrating and answering questions. Kids will also hear the kitchen and see the kitchen in action. Program includes instruction at Silver Center, Call 800-722-7222.

## Kitchen camp

The San Miguel Great Food Fair presents the Kitchen Camp Workshop. This is an initiative of giving, inspiring and educating young chefs. The camp will be held on April 18-19 and 20-21. The camp will be held at Silver Center, Call 800-722-7222.

## Young Chef's Boot Camp

For those who love to cook, this is a great opportunity to learn from the best. The camp will be held on April 18-19 and 20-21. The camp will be held at Silver Center, Call 800-722-7222.

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